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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on February 6, 2006, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a European Search Report dated October 31, 2006, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 03015388.6, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 050 887 A1, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,606,707;
- (2) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 715 242 A1, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,701,343;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 164 747 A1, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0061519;
- (4) International Publication No. WO 00/54126; and
- (5) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 840 479 A2, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,034,618.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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